

## THE SHERIFF IS CALLED

When Men At A Beer Party  
Get Into Fight

One Arrested And Placed In  
County Jail

Another Intoxicated Man  
Strikes His Wife

And The Sheriff Received  
The Second Call

Ten Christmas Marriage  
Licenses Are Issued

Sheriff Woolson and Deputy Sheriff Mosholder were called to South Vernon Friday evening at 7 o'clock where they arrested Frank Roberts on a charge of assault and battery and placed him in the county jail. Roberts had been entertained with a beer party at his home during the day. In the evening he got into an argument with one of his guests, Dan Orange, and struck him over the head with a beer bottle, cutting a deep gash in his head. A call was sent for the sheriff. In the meantime Roberts left the house and hid in an out-building, but he was soon located by the sheriff and landed in jail. In the meantime a surgeon was called to attend Orange who was bleeding profusely from the wound in his head.

Another Call—  
At 8 o'clock Friday evening Sheriff Woolson received the second call from South Vernon. This time he found that a man residing near the Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant, had become intoxicated and had struck his wife. When the sheriff arrived the woman did not want her husband arrested and he promised to behave himself in the future. Accordingly there was no arrest made.

Conkle Bound Over—  
Charles Conkle of Millwood, who was arrested by Sheriff Woolson on Thursday on a charge of assault and battery, was arraigned before Squire Harter. He waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury. Bond was fixed at \$100. He gave surety for the amount.

Deeds Filed—  
James Harding to James Clement, 60 acres in Union, \$650.  
Harry Robertson to Charley Robertson, 7.8 acres in Liberty, \$1.

The Hines Will—  
The last will and testament of James D. Hines, late of Pike township, has been filed in probate. By the terms of the will the testator gives to his wife, Annie E. Hines, all his property, both real and personal. At the death of the wife the property goes to the children of Albert W. Hines. William F. Hines is named as trustee for the children. The will was signed July 4, 1913, in the presence of R. W. Colville and P. A. Berry.

Marriage Licenses—  
Darwin W. Hoovler, farmer, Monroe township, and Hazel Marie Davis, telephone operator, Mt. Vernon. Rev. J. A. Long.

Victor E. Servais, Jr., glass worker, and Lillian R. Bunnell, both of Mt. Vernon. Rev. E. E. Whittaker.

William B. Winslow, laborer, and Maude E. Spurgeon, both of Brink Haven. Rev. D. A. Morris.

William Dale Humbert, merchant, Millwood, and Marie Paucett, Brink Haven. Rev. J. A. Long.

Howard H. Hahn, teacher and Jean Tracy, both of Howard. Rev. J. H. Helm.

Earl R. Conkling, clerk, and Geneva Bird, both of Mt. Liberty. Rev. J. A. Long.

Clifford Leonard, farmer, and Susie McCoy, both of Berlin township. Rev. O. E. Ford.

Olyse Frederick Hays, teacher,

Clay township, and Blanche Mina McKee, Butler township. Rev. J. M. Helm.

Frank Leonard Rine, machinist helper, and Nellie Marion Van Aman, Clinton township. Rev. S. T. Allen.

## SELECTIONS

From "Messiah" Rendered At  
Christmas Tree

A large crowd braved the frigid weather of Christmas evening to hear the Mt. Vernon Festival Chorus sing under the community tree on the public square. The selections were from "The Messiah," which will be rendered in full at the May festival.

The difficult "Hallelujah Chorus" was the biggest number attempted and met with an enthusiastic reception. Mr. William Coup, as director, led the singing from a box, while Misses Helen McNabb and Ethel McKee alternated at the piano.

It was extremely difficult both for singers and pianists to sustain the chorus on account of the weather condition, but the crowd seemed immensely pleased and attested the fact by bursts of applause.

As a very fitting and appropriate finale, "Holy Night, Silent Night" was sung in a manner to excite admiration.

## SERIOUSLY

Injured Was In Fall From  
Hay-Mow

Mr. J. W. Rine seriously injured himself late Thursday afternoon by falling out of a hay-mow at his home on the Fredericktown road. In his 14-foot descent Mr. Rine struck a pole and landed on his head and shoulders. His back was badly bruised while there was a minor injury to his spine.

## DEATHS

Reece Balles  
Reece Balles, aged 70, died at the county infirmary Friday evening at 10 o'clock, after a week's illness of apoplexy. The deceased was formerly a grocer and leaves one brother, Baschus. The funeral Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the infirmary.

Mrs. Mary Susan Richardson  
Mrs. Mary Susan Richardson, wife of John Richardson, died at her home at 402 North Harrison street, Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, after a three weeks' illness. Mrs. Richardson was born Sept. 5, 1864 and leaves a husband, father and mother, three sisters and six brothers. The funeral Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Carlisle, Pa., Rev. Payton officiating.

Mrs. Mary March  
Mrs. Mary March died at her home, 205 Wooster avenue, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, after a three years' illness of tuberculosis. The deceased was 32 years of age and leaves a husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Moxley, a sister, Mrs. Alice Gilbert of this city and a brother, Harry, of Akron. The funeral Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home Rev. J. A. Long, officiating. Interment in Mound View.

Arnor Elliott  
Mr. Arnor Elliott of 801 East Vine street died Friday morning after five weeks' illness of hardening of the arteries. Mr. Elliott was born at Nashville, Holmes county, June 30, 1846, and came to Mt. Vernon at the age of 5 years. He was united in marriage to Miss Julia Hartman in 1881. Mr. Elliott was in the photograph business the greater part of his life, but the last number of years was employed at the C. & G. Cooper works. He is survived by his wife, one son, Chester, and one sister, Mrs. Angeline Canon of California. The funeral services at the house Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. E. E. Whittaker, pastor of the M. E. church. Burial in Mound cemetery.

William Fleming  
William Fleming, aged 50, died at his home, three miles west of Brandon, Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock, after an extended illness of cancer of the stomach. The deceased leaves a wife, two boys and a girl. The funeral Monday morning at the late home.

Miss Helen Baxter and Mr. Earl Baxter of Brandon went to Cleveland this morning, to visit with relatives for several days.

## Getting at A Secret

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

Jim Hathaway and I were not only chums, but occupied rooms in the same bachelor apartment house. Jim was a secretive chap and especially fond of making a mystery of what was an ordinary happening. I poked fun at him for doing so, but this seemed to have no effect in stopping him from continually trying to impress me with his ability to do things without my having any knowledge of them. Then when the denouement came he would assume an air of superiority as much as to say, "I don't go about blabbing of my affairs."

There came a time when I believed that Jim had an affair on hand with a girl. The reason why I came to this conclusion was that he began to show a contempt for women. "The best thing a fellow can do with a girl," he would say, "is to let her alone. By doing so he avoids the expense of theater tickets and flowers, only to find out later that she's encouraging some other fellow." I was not interested in Jim's love affairs, but I saw no reason why he should take pains to deceive me in the matter. However, it did not trouble me that he thought proper to do so. I was very fond of him and considered his idiosyncrasy of no real importance, not doubting that I had others myself just as absurd.

Jim and I occupied a common living room, and one evening when we were about to go out to dinner together Jim picked up an envelope that had been left by the postman during the day, unsealed, and took out a booklet advertising some kind of goods. I noticed him looking at it, or some part of it, with apparent interest; then he tossed it in the wastebasket.

The next morning I happened to go to that same wastebasket to recover a bit of paper I had thrown in it containing an address. I stumbled on the envelope containing the advertisement and noticed that it was addressed in a feminine hand. I thought nothing of this, since girls are usually employed to address advertising matter, and was hunting on for my paper when I raked up the advertisement. It gave a list of articles that would alone interest a woman. This set me to thinking why it should have been addressed to a man. While meditating on this I noticed some lead pencil marks on the booklet. They were 8.16.7½.

Now, had it not been for what I have said about Jim and his mysteries it would not have occurred to me that these figures were not merely something put there by some unknown person for some very ordinary purpose, but intended for a cipher. First, advertisements of special interest to women are not usually mailed to men. This suggested that the booklet had been received by a woman and had been used for cipher purposes by the recipient. What better method for communication could there be? Whether the figures had a meaning or not, I resolved that if I ever got a girl whose parents would not permit me to visit her I would use this plan of communication.

I tried hard not to pry into Jim's affairs, but the puzzle was too fascinating for me to let alone. Besides, there was the temptation to beat Jim at his own game. What 8.16.7½ meant haunted me till I hit upon the fact that the present month was August, the eighth month in the year. The present day was the 12th. Did not the figures contain an appointment? If so, it was for Aug. 16 at half past 7 (probably in the evening).

I could not quite bring myself to shadow my friend on that evening, but during the next month or so I noticed that he received a number of advertisements on which there were lead pencil marks. I did not try to decipher any of them. Indeed, I had not deliberately tried to decipher the first one. I had come upon it by accident. It had got into my head and I couldn't get it out till I had solved it. What I did was to buy a wedding present and leave it where Jim could see it. He was above asking me what it was for, so I told him that it was for a friend who was about to be married, adding that I could not name the person since the engagement was a secret.

The reason why I counted on Jim's coming marriage was that it is difficult if not impossible for two men to live together one of whom is engaged without the other knowing it. Jim never told me of his engagement till a couple of weeks before the wedding. There had been no reason whatever for the secrecy attending the affair except such as influences young couples in similar cases and Jim's idiosyncrasy. The girl's parents were much pleased with the match, and Jim's parents were not living. Jim probably would have kept the secret from me longer, but he wished me to be his best man, and it was proper that he should give me timely notice.

The evening before the wedding I carried the wedding gift I had procured to the bride's home. Jim was there, and when I opened the box in which it was contained Jim started as if he had been shot. I laughed, explained the joke to the bride, and we all laughed together. But I kept them wondering for many months before I told them how I had got on to their secret.

That cured my friend of making mysteries out of very small things. Ever afterward he was frankness to perfection. As for his wife, I doubt if she had ever been so troubled.

## CHRISTMAS OBSERVED

In Mt. Vernon By Everyone  
On Friday

Services In The Churches  
During Morning

Knights Templars Have Usual  
Observance

Elks Entertain Needy Children  
Of The City

Dances And Family Gather-  
ings Are Enjoyed

Christmas Day was appropriately observed in Mt. Vernon on Friday.

Thursday evening the young boys from St. Paul's Episcopal church choir assembled about the community Christmas tree and sang a number of carols under the direction of the choir leader, Mr. James DeWolfe. Later in the evening the boys sang carols at the homes of a number of persons who were sick.

Christmas services were held at St. Paul's church at 11:30 Christmas morning. Beautiful music was rendered by the vested choir. A second service was held at this church at 9:30 Friday morning.

At 9 o'clock Christmas morning services were held at St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic church.

At 11 o'clock Christmas morning the members of C. L. S. G. assembled at the Masonic Temple where the usual Christmas observance was held. The toast to the grand master was read as well as the response. The toast to the grand master was then drunk by the members of the commandery. There was a large turn out of air knights.

There were numerous dinner parties about the city during the day and many visitors were back to spend the Yuletide with relatives and friends. The picture shows did a big business during the day, most of the houses offering special Christmas attractions.

At one o'clock in the afternoon the members of Mt. Vernon lodge No. 140, B. P. O. Elks royally entertained the needy children of the city at the Elks' Home. The children were first taken to the White Palace theatre, where they were the guests of the proprietor, Mr. Warner Miller, at a special matinee. After seeing the pictures the children were taken back to the Elks' Home where the tables were loaded with turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and all the good things that go to make a Christmas dinner.

Next came the Christmas tree and the distribution of presents. Santa Claus was present and where wearing apparel was needed such articles were given to the children. There were toys and games candy, fruit and nuts for all the children. During the afternoon excellent music was furnished by Mild's orchestra. Mr. Louis Baker sang a number of selections, much to the enjoyment of all.

At eight o'clock in the evening the members of the Festival Chorus association assembled at the community Christmas tree and, under the direction of Mr. William Coup, sang selections from "The Messiah." A large crowd heard the singing of the splendid chorus.

Christmas night there were a number of dances and other social events about the city. Business was suspended all over the city and the day was practically given up to enjoy the various events of the merry Yuletide season.

Mr. G. B. Lewis of West Gambler street spent Saturday in Columbus.

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## Society News

Christmas Dance  
At Clarke Home

A most delightful Christmas dance was given Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Robert Clarke, North Main street. The new dances were enjoyed by a merry crowd during the evening. A delicious lunch was served. Those present from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. George Dunham of Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. J. O'F. Little of Pittsburgh, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke of Cleveland.

Entertained  
At Bange

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Critchfield of Bangs entertained with a Christmas dinner on Friday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Zack Critchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bell, Mr. George Critchfield, Mrs. I. S. Wagginman, Mr. and Mrs. Irve Critchfield and daughter, Dorothy, of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Waddell and daughter, Elizabeth, Mr. Jay Keefe of Mt. Vernon.

## Lodge Election

BEN HUR

Eros Court, Tribe of Ben Hur, held its regular meeting Friday night, Dec. 25, and elected the following officers for the year 1915:

Chief—Noble Weir.  
Past Chief—Laura McIntire.  
Judge—Mrs. Frank Andrick.  
Teacher—Mrs. Leonard.  
Scribe—Pearl Huntsberger.  
Captain—Mary Fultz.  
Guide—Sarah Headington.  
Keeper of Inner Gate—Geo. Hobbs.  
Keeper of Outer Gate—Mrs. Hinger.  
Keeper of Tribute—R. C. Mitchell.  
After the court adjourned, those present went to the Oakland restaurant, where an oyster supper was enjoyed.

TO GIVE CONCERT

Joe Hooker Post, 21, Grand Army of the Republic, has secured the celebrated Georgia Mallon quartette, which was here under their auspices under the name of the Watermelon Quartette one year ago. These gentlemen need no introduction to a Mount Vernon audience, as their fine entertainments are well known.

The dates for Mt. Vernon are Jan. 8th and 9th, and the place of the entertainment will be the high school auditorium. Don't fail to get your tickets of the committee. There will be an entire change of program each evening.

## INJURED

Were Mother And Boy By  
Fall On The Ice

Mrs. Edward Bia of West Vine street and slipped on the steps at the Salvation army headquarters Thursday and fell the entire length. She was carrying her baby at the time. Both were badly bruised, but the injuries are not regarded as serious.

## KILLED IN RUNAWAY

Zanesville, O., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Sarah Orr, sixty-five, of Brownsville, was killed when her horses scared at a bobbed, overturned the sleigh and threw her out against a barber pole.

## LOST

Dog—Airdale, color tan and black, 24 in. high. Has on new collar, with blank name plate. \$20 reward for his return. Call W. H. Clarke, Citizens' phone 684, Mt. Vernon.

Service Director Williams received a letter from the Peerless Motor Co. of Cleveland Saturday morning to the effect that the new tires for the combination hose and chemical wagon would arrive in the city Monday.

The toy auto given away for Eastmor bread labels at the Eastmor bakery, West High street, was won by Master Archie Jackson, 5 Elliott street. The winning number was 4,907. Master Jackson held the nearest number to this, 4,920.

## CHILD LABOR DELEGATES

Columbus, Dec. 26.—Governor Cox appointed the following delegates to represent Ohio at the eleventh annual conference of the national child labor convention, to be held in Washington, D. C., Jan. 5 and 6: Mrs. Albert J. Bell, Cincinnati; Representative W. B. Kilpatrick, Warren; Ben-ton S. Oppenheimer, Cincinnati; Edward Orton, Jr., Columbus; Lieutenant Governor W. A. Greenlund, Cleveland.

## LEGISLATIVE CONTEST

Columbus, Dec. 23.—A petition contesting the right of the Lucas county legislative delegation to seats in the next legislature was filed with Clerk John Cassidy in the house in the name of Samuel R. Humphrey of Toledo. Irregularities are charged. This follows the action taken locally in Lucas county to contest the election of other officials. All legislators-elect from Lucas county are Democrats.

## NOT UNDER THE LAW

Columbus, Dec. 26.—The terms of county infirmary and children's homes superintendents are not fixed by law, but by the county commissioners, who also fix their salaries. They are, therefore, not subject to civil service regulations, Attorney General Hogan holds, in an opinion issued to the state civil service commission.

A series of dog stories from the pen of John T. Foote of this city will be published in the American Magazine shortly. This will be the second series Mr. Foote has contributed to the American, his "Blister Jones" stories originally appearing in that publication.

## COULDN'T CUT SLICE OF BREAD

Terrible State of Weakness Experienced By Ipswich Lady.  
Cardui Made Her Strong.

Ipswich, S. D.—Mrs. Henry Royle, of this place, says: "I suffered for nearly 10 years, with womanly trouble. Nothing seemed to help me until I took Cardui, the woman's tonic. It made me well and strong. Before I commenced to take Cardui, I could not stand on my feet."

I was so weak, I could not cut a slice of bread. Now, I can stand all day, and can do most of my work. I think Cardui is the best medicine in the world. I have been feeling fine ever since I began to take it. Cardui was recommended to me by a friend, and I will gladly tell my friends of it."

If Cardui will relieve and cure such a stubborn and long-standing trouble as that of Mrs. Royle, then it is only reasonable to believe it will quickly and surely help you, too.

Cardui is the ideal general tonic for women. It has been found to improve the appetite and build up the entire womanly constitution. You can always depend on Cardui, for it has helped more than a million weak women in the past 50 years, who suffered from troubles so common to their sex. Try Cardui.

It will help you.

## BIRTHS

A son was born Christmas day to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Orange of South Vernon.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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